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PUBLIC SAFETY DISTRICTS BILL ADVANCES TO SENATE

[HB 1992](#) by Rep. Jadine Nollan (R – Sand Springs) and Sen. Darrel Weaver (R – Moore), which would create Public Safety Districts, was heard on the House Floor on this morning. It passed 76 – 20. It now advances to the Senate, where it will need to receive a do pass motion from the committee to which it will be assigned by April 9, 2020.

Thank you to everyone who contacted their legislators and asked them to support this priority bill. We have included this [link](#) listing the House Floor votes. We encourage you to thank your legislators who voted “Yes” on this measure in support of municipal government and local control.

TAXING JURISDICTIONS PASSES SUB-COMMITTEE

[HB 3553](#) by Rep. Jeff Boatman (R – Tulsa) passed unanimously in the House Appropriations & Budget Sub-Committee on Monday afternoon.

This OML priority bill, which requires a precedence is used in determining tax rates by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, has been referred to the full House Appropriations and Budget Committee.

COMMITTEE WORK CONTINUES

Several House and Senate Committees met this week; many with lengthy agendas hearing numerous carryover and newly filed bills. There are still two weeks of committee work left before the first legislative deadline. Check out our Bills on the Move section to read more about bills with municipal impacts that received hearings this week. Additionally, we have included bills to put on your radar over the next two weeks.

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Taxing Jurisdictions Passes Sub-Committee

Committee Work Continues

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Bills On The Move

A Snapshot of Bills Impacting Cities and Towns

BILLS ON THE MOVE

Here is a snapshot of bills impacting cities and towns.

WATER/CONDEMNATION: [HB 1048](#) by Rep. Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh) and Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) is new law that says condemning authorities seeking to acquire surface rights for a public purpose shall provide written notice to the landowner subject to the acquisition that the landowner may elect to retain, through severance, the groundwater rights, if any, that are attached to the property to be acquired. This does not apply to a condemning authority that is seeking to acquire groundwater rights based on an affidavit of need or resolution of necessity that sets out an expressly state need or purpose for the acquisition of such groundwater rights.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 43 to 0. It now goes back to the House to accept or reject Senate amendments.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/JURY DUTY: [HB 1969](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) amends 38 O.S. Section 28 by adding to those excused from jury service. This includes municipal or state law enforcement officers employed in any county with a population of 255,000 or more and federal law enforcement officers. Municipal or state law enforcement officers in a county with a population of less than 255,000 shall be eligible to serve on non-criminal actions only.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 6 to 5. It will now go to the full House.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS/CHANGING TABLES: [HB 2017](#) by Rep. Kelly Albright (D-Midwest City) is new law requiring new construction, renovations and replacement of state and municipal buildings open to the public to include at least one baby changing table.

The bill is a carryover bill and is waiting to be heard by the full House A&B Committee.

FIREARMS/PREEMPTION: [HB 2785](#) by Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) amends firearm preemption to include "firearm and ammunition" and a "policy" of any political subdivision. If a person's rights via a preemption are violated, the person may bring a civil action with reasonable expenses awarded if the person wins or the policy or ordinance is repealed after a lawsuit is filed but before final determination by the court.

The bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS: [HB 2791](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) increases the age from under eight (8) years of age to seventeen (17) years of age and younger when a driver is transporting a child is required to provide for the protection of the child by property using a child passenger restraint system. If children are between the age of eight (8) and twelve (12) years of age to ride in the rear seat when available and securing the child in a belt-positioning booster seat or seat belt. It requires a child thirteen (13) years of age or older to be properly secured in a seat belt. It removes exceptions based on the child's height.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee by a vote of 10 to 2. It will now go to the full House.

OPEN RECORDS/ACT OF DISCOVERY: [HB 2800](#) by Rep. Ken Luttrell (R-Ponca City) amends the Open Records Act creating an exception to application of the Act if the information is available via criminal discovery. (See also SB 1372.)

The bill is assigned to the House Public Safety Committee.

CLEET/TECHNOLOGY CENTERS: [HB 2813](#) by Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) authorizes CLEET to establish and certify addition training program at state-supported technology centers for teaching pre-law enforcement students between sixteen (16) and nineteen (19) years of age.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee by a vote of 12 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM/REGISTERED VOTERS: [HB 2871](#) by Rep. David Perryman (D-Chickasha) authorizes registered voters signing petitions who participate in the Address Confidentiality Program may use the address given to the registered voter by the Attorney General.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee a vote of 8 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

9-1-1 TRAINING: [HB 2882](#) by Rep. Johnny Tadlock (R-Idabel) amends 63 O.S. Section 2864 by requiring specific training programs for 9-1-1 call takers.

The committee substitute passed the House Public Safety Committee by a vote of 12 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS/RECOVERING COSTS: [HB 2917](#) by Rep. Ben Loring (D-Miami) is new law authorizing municipalities to hold property owners liable for expenses or costs in cleaning/mowing property, dismantling/removal of dilapidated buildings in abating a public nuisance.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee by a vote of 7 to 3. It will now go to the full House.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT: [HB 3031](#) by Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) requires scrap metal dealers to require sellers of used motor vehicles, trailers of nonmotorized vehicles to show certain information to prove they are the legal owner of the vehicle. The bill requires licensed scrap metal dealers to receive proof of ownership from sellers before purchasing copper wire from which actual or apparent insulation or other coating has been burned, melted or exposed to heat or fire resulting in melting some or all other insulation or coating. The bill defines a digital image as pixels intended for display on a computer monitor or for transformation into another format, such as a printed page. The bill defines a remote storage battery as a battery commonly used in telecommunications, the oil industry and infrastructure.

The bill has been assigned to the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.

OPEN RECORDS ACT/EMPLOYEE DATA: [HB 3040](#) by Rep. Tammy West (R-OKC) amends the Open Records Act to protect current and former public employees. Protected is the home address and home telephone numbers, social security numbers and information related to personal electronic communication devices. Nothing in the law shall be construed to exempt from disclosure public records created using a private email address or private mobile phone.

The bill passed the House Government Efficiency Committee by a vote of 10 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION/NONPROFIT ENTITIES: [HB 3160](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) alters the existing tax exemption for the University Hospitals Trust by adding nonprofit entities who have entered into a joint operating agreement with the Trust.

The bill has been assigned to the House A&B Finance Subcommittee.

FINANCE/BIENNIAL AUDITS: [HB 3269](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) amends 11 O.S. Section 17-105 regarding the requirements to prepare an annual financial audit. The current income of \$25,000 is increased to \$50,000 to trigger the audit requirement, which includes "component unites of which the municipality is a beneficiary." The municipalities with a population of less than 2,500 must prepare a "biennial" financial state audit.

The biennial audit shall cover the two (2) preceding years. Alternatively, the governing body may request biennial agreed-upon-procedures engagement over certain financial information and compliance requirements. In amendments to 11 O.S. Section 17-107 if municipalities do not file a copy of its audit or agreed-upon-procedures report with the Tax Commission and the gasoline tax is withheld, the time period for losing the tax is shortened. Under the bill, the report must be filed within one (1) year in the case of any annual audit or the second fiscal year of a biennial audit period. Current law allows two (2) years. The lost municipal gasoline tax is redirected from the counties to the State Auditor. Finally, 11 O.S. Section 17-108 is repealed.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee by a vote of 10 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

OMPA: [HB 3274](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) amends 11 O.S. Section 24-107 exempting the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA) from the Open Records Act, Open Meetings Act and the Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination act. The exemptions from the Open Records and Open Meetings Act are limited to security plans including cybersecurity.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee by a vote of 9 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

REAP/POPULATIONS: [HB 3286](#) by Rep. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) amends Rural Action Plan Water Projects Fund by changing several populations limits from 7,500 to 9,000 in several Sections of Title 62.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee by a vote of 7 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

FPAE/ELECTIONS: [HB 3376](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) amends the Fire and Police Arbitration Act by requiring a municipal employer to recognize an association selected by majority vote as the exclusive bargaining agent for firefighters and police officers. The election process shall be agreed upon by the parties. If unable to agree, either party may request the American Arbitration Association to conduct and certify the election. The election cost is paid by the employer. If two associations seek recognition, the associations will pay the election costs. 11 O.S. Sections 51-104, 51-104a and 51-104b are repealed.

The bill has been assigned to the House County and Municipal Government Committee.

SALES TAX/TAX RATE: [HB 3553](#) by Rep. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) amends 68 O.S. Section 1354.32 by adding that a seller “shall” use the address-based assignment OTC database in place of the five- and nine-digit zip code database records. If this cannot be used after exercising due diligence, the seller “shall” apply the nine-digit zip code. If the nine-digit zip code is not available the seller “shall” use the five-digit zip code.

This bill passed the House A&B General Government Subcommittee by a vote of 8 to 0. It will now go to the full House A&B Committee.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION/DEFINITIONS: [HB 3610](#) by Rep. Terry O’Donnell (R-Catoosa) amends the definition of employee.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 15 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/AT-RISK CONTRACTOR: [HB 3876](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) amends 61 O.S. Section 2 providing that any person having a direct contractual relationship with the at-risk construction management contractor furnishing the payment bond shall have a right of action upon the payment bond.

The bill passed the House Government Efficiency Committee by a vote of 10 to 0. It will now go to the full House.

MARIJUANA/LOCATION/REPEAL OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: [HB 3954](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) amends various sections impacting marijuana. Included is how to measure distance between a retail marijuana establishment and a public or private school entrance. The bill provides that the distance is measured from the nearest property line of the school to the front entrance of the retail marijuana establishment. Also, the bill removes the current requirement for a certificate of compliance from political subdivisions.

The bill has been assigned to the House Rules Committee.

FIREARMS/MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES: [HB 4113](#) by Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) provides that municipalities may authorize municipal employees to carry concealed firearms for personal protection as outlined in the bill.

The bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION/MANUFACTURING: [SB 1094](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) amends the current manufacturing sales tax exemption in 68 O.S. Section 1359. It removes paragraph 7 regarding sales to be incorporated in a new manufacturing or distribution facility or to expand an existing facility. (See also SB 1175).

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 8 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION/REPEAL: [SB 1152](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) repeals the current sales tax exemption relating to the Oklahoma Research and Development Incentives Act. The bill also repeals the following statutes: 68 O.S. Sections 54001 through 54005. (See also SB 1179).

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 8 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

TAXATION/AIRCRAFT EXCISE TAX: [SB 1157](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) impacts apportionment of aircraft excise tax by deleting current earmarking in 68 O.S. Section 6005. As a result, 100% of the tax goes to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission Revolving Fund.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 8 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY/SCHOOLS: [SB 1198](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) is new law requiring school districts to coordinate with emergency medical services providers to develop plans for athletic events or activities held at school district facilities.

The bill passed the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 14 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT: [SB 1202](#) by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) requires sex offenders ordered to register in another state to register in Oklahoma if they reside in the State.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 11 to 1. It will now go to the full Senate.

MENTAL HEALTH/TELEMEDICINE: [SB 1208](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) amends 43A O.S. Section 5-207 regarding mental health emergency detention. Regarding the transportation by police officers, the bill authorizes an initial assessment by a licensed mental

health profession employed by or under contract with a community mental health center via telemedicine. If it is determined that emergency detention can be avoided, the officer may transport to a facility determined by the mental health professional.

The bill passed the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 7 to 2. It will now go to the full Senate.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION/CITY-COUNTY LIBRARIES: [SB 1212](#) by Sen. Kevin Matthews (D-Tulsa) creates a new sales tax exemption for City-County Libraries.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 8 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

DEQ/POLLUTION PREVENTION: [SB 1226](#) by Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) amends the Pollution Prevention Program in several ways including the definition of “pollution prevention”, adding Advisory Councils and amending information made available to DEQ.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 12 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

WORKERS COMPENSATION/MULTIPLE INJURY TRUST FUND: [SB 1237](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) amends the Multiple Injury Trust Fund in a number of ways including removing the requirement for the Workers’ Compensation Commission to administer and protect the Fund. Also, deleted is the current allocation to the Commission of funds for expenses. 85A O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 24 is repealed.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 9 to 2. It will now go to the full Senate.

SPACE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: [SB 1242](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) is new law impacting the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority. Included is the use of the facility for small aircraft, including remotely piloted aircraft systems. The Authority is also granted rulemaking authority.

The bill passed the Senate Transportation by a vote of 7 to 2. It will now go to the full Senate.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA/LOCATION: [SB 1245](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) adds childcare facilities to the prohibition for a retail marijuana establishment located within 1,000 feet of a public or private school.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 7 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA/DISPENSARY LICENSE: [SB 1248](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) amends marijuana dispensary licenses by providing for a licensed pharmacy to apply for a dispensary license in the event the federal government removes marijuana from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee by a vote of 7 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

OWRB/STATE FLOOD PLAN: [SB 1269](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) is new law authorizing OWRB to adopt a comprehensive state flood plan. The bill contains extensive details.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee by a vote of 12 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

WATER/RED RIVER BOUNDARY COMMISSION: [SB 1270](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is new law which recreates the Red River Boundary Commission. The Commission is authorized to act in conjunction with Texas to evaluate and redraw the boundary line between the two states regarding water pipelines and related facilities in the Texoma Area.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee by a vote of 12 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

FINANCE/ECONOMIC INCENTIVES: [SB 1280](#) by Sen. Julia Kirt (D-OKC) amends 62 O.S. Section 46A limits economic incentive provisions to a duration of 10 years or fewer. Changes are also made to the definition of “incentive” and “measurable goal.”

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken by a vote of 8 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

PUBLIC SAFETY/MEDICAL PROVIDERS: [SB 1290](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) amends the Medical Care Provider Protection Act in Title 22. The changes include an expansion of “medical care provider,” an increase in the penalty provision, notice requirements by hospitals, health clinics and ambulance services, and reporting requirements.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0. It will now go to the full Senate.

OPEN RECORDS ACT/LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS: [SB 1372](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) amends the Open Records Act regarding law enforcement records. It creates an exception to application of the Act if the information is available through discovery. (See also HB 2800.)

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

FIREARMS/UNLAWFUL: [SB 1401](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) amends unlawful carry of a firearm. It authorizes a firearm in any street, plaza, sidewalk or alley, which is designed as such in statute, ordinance, resolution, policy or by use by a political subdivision or state governmental authority. Changes are also made to municipal zoos or parks.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Public Safety Committee.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION/FOOD AND FOOD INGREDIENTS: [SB 1457](#) by Sen. Larry Boggs (R-Wilburton) creates a new sales tax exemption for food and food ingredients. Food and food ingredients are defined pursuant to the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement in this bill. The bill definition is: “substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value.” This does not include “alcoholic beverages, tobacco or prepared food sold in a heated state or food sold or dispensed as provided in paragraph 10 of subsection A of 68 O.S. Section 1357.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

FIREARMS/PREEMPTION: [SB 1490](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) amends the state preemption of firearm regulation by adding “firearm and ammunition”, “policy”, and agency”. Also added is court awarded reasonable expenses with definitions and conditions as well as the definition of “person adversely affected” and “reasonable expenses”.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Public Safety Committee.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN: [SB 1671](#) by Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) is new law forbidding municipalities to regulate single-family residential building design elements unless there is a number of elements are followed as specified in the bill. There are elements to regulation as well as new definitions.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee.

LENDING/PREEMPTION: **PCS** for [SB 1682](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) states that no municipality or other political subdivision of this state shall adopt or enforce any order, ordinance or regulation relating to any business or occupation licensed, regulated and controlled under the supervision of the Department of Consumer Credit.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee passed by a vote of 6 to 2. It will now go to the full Senate.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN/PREEMPTION: [SB 1684](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law forbidding municipalities to regulate single-family residential building design elements unless a number of elements are followed as specified in the bill. There are elements to regulations as well as new definitions.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN/PREEMPTION: [SB 1713](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) is new law forbidding municipalities to regulate single-family residential building design elements unless a number of elements are followed as specified in the bill. There are elements to regulations as well as new definitions.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee.

GROCERY SALES TAX EXEMPTION: [SB 1810](#) by Sen. Gary Stanislawski (R-Tulsa) creates a new sales tax exemption for food and food ingredients as defined by the Streamlined Sale and Use Tax Agreement, equal to one and one-half (1.5%) percent on the gross receipts of such sales otherwise subject to levy in Section 1354. This does not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, soft drinks, prepared food or items subject to tax via paragraph 10 of subsection A of 68 O.S. Section 1354. This exemption shall not apply to any sales tax levied by a city, town, county or any other jurisdiction in this state.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

OMPA: [SB 1842](#) by Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) authorizes the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority to hold an executive session to discuss security plans and procedures including, but not limited to, cybersecurity matters. The same language is placed in the Open Records Act making these records confidential. Finally, 62 O.S. Section 35.3 in the Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act is amended to add

OMPA to the definition of state agency. (See also HB 3274).

The bill has been assigned to the Senate General Government Committee.

NEXT WEEK AT THE CAPITOL

Monday, February 17, 2020
House A & B Judiciary Subcommittee
Room 206 at 10:30 a.m.

ATTORNEY GENERAL/POLITICAL SUBDIVISION INVESTIGATIONS UNIT: [HB 2902](#) by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) is new law creating the Municipal and Political Subdivision Investigations Unit to determine if legal violations occurred pertaining to crimes by political subdivision officers and employees. The Attorney may initiate investigations, civil or criminal action, or make a referral to a district attorney or to the state or federal government.

Senate Public Safety Committee
Room 230 After Adjournment I

CLEET/CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING: [SB 1353](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) requires law enforcement agencies, by November 1, 2023, to have 25% of all full-time peace officers certified by CLEET in crisis intervention training, as provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Beginning January 1, 2021 reserve officers training must include one (1) hour of crisis intervention training. By January 1, 2021, CLEET must include a minimum of four (4) hours in crisis intervention training in the basic training course.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/IMPAIRED DRIVING: [SB 1464](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) impacts revoking drivers licenses in a number of ways. It makes changes to court and operational processes, ignition interlock devices, participation in the Impaired Driver Accountability Program, which licensed individuals are authorized to withdraw blood for concentration of alcohol or other intoxicating substances, collection requirements involving law enforcement officers, laboratory testing requirements and the like.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/HUMAN TRAFFICKING: [SB 1569](#) by Sen. Wayne Shaw (R-Grove) amends 21 O.S. Section 748.2 by adding a number of requirements to investigation of human trafficking crimes. In addition, CLEET must establish the training resources focused on human trafficking as spelled out in the bill.

MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT: PCS for [SB 1606](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) authorizes law

enforcement to utilize telemedicine for assessment by a mental health professional. If it is determined emergency detention can be avoided the officer can transport to the nearest facility determined by the mental health professional.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/RADIO INTEROPERABILITY: [SB 1813](#) by Sen. Gary Stanislawski (R-Tulsa) amends 62 O.S. Section 35.6.2 requires any new public safety radio network purchased by any law enforcement agency to be P25 compliant. This requirement becomes effective January 1, 2021. In addition, no later than December 31, 2025, all existing public safety radio networks not already P25 compliant shall be in compliance with the P25 standards. Included in the mandate are municipalities and sheriff offices, emergency services, first responders and statewide transportation departments.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY: [SB 1916](#) by Sen. Wayne Shaw (R-Grove) provides that the Office of Homeland Security shall be a division under the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management. It provides for the appointment of a Homeland Security Advisor and changes in a variety of statutes to provide for the advisor.

House Veterans & Military Affairs Committee
Room 512A at 3:00 p.m.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES/MILITARY: [HB 3034](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) expands the current law's occupational license reciprocity for members of the armed forces by adding those discharged within one (1) year. The bill contains details, definitions, application requirements, waiver of initial license application fee, renewal options and rulemaking authority to licensing authorities.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Senate Finance Committee
Room 535 After Adjournment I

MEDICAL MARIJUANA/EXCISE TAX: [SB 1275](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) alters the excise tax on retail medical marijuana in several ways including creating the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Tax Fund.

VETERANS SALES TAX EXEMPTION: [SB 1440](#) by Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) amends the current

sales tax exemption for disabled veterans in several ways. A veteran disabled who received his/her sales tax exemption prior to November 1, 2020 shall not be required to register with the veterans' registry prior to

July 1, 2022, in order to remain qualified. Also, additional rulemaking is given to the Oklahoma Tax Commission

(OTC) and they may request verification of eligibility for the sales tax exemption from the veterans' registry.

MUNICIPAL VOTING/WEBSITE: [SB 1487](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) AMENDS 62 O.S. Section 869.1 regarding publishing or placing detailed information on the website of a local governmental entity due to calling an election or authorizing the incurring of general obligation bond indebtedness. If the entity does not have a website, the information can be published or posted in prominent view at the principal officer of the public body.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION/UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL: [SB 1703](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) expands the current sales tax exemptions for the University Hospitals Trust by adding nonprofit entities which have entered into joint operating agreements with the Trust.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION/WOMEN VETERANS: [SB 1704](#) by Sen. Michael Brooks (D-OKC) creates a new sales tax exemption for entities who communicate and associate with women veterans and provides them assistance.